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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An installation for ~~the a~~ circulation of part-carrying pallets, comprising:

a support frame for supporting modules for circulation of the pallets, in which said support frame comprises at least one vertical frame arrangement formed by a rigid mecano-welded structure from standard profile members; ~~and, as well as~~

boxes each formed by a mecano-welded structure from standard profile members and capable of being removably fixed on respective sides of said vertical frame arrangement, ~~and wherein~~ each of said boxes comprises an upper surfaced portion capable of receiving at least one module and a lower portion provided with adjustable feet for adjusting ~~the horizontality~~ a horizontal positioning of said upper surfaced portion.

2. (Currently Amended) An installation according to claim 1, wherein said standard profile members of said vertical frame arrangement and said standard profile members of said boxes are commercially available profile members of steel of type NIP, wherein NIP stands for Normalized I Profile.

3. (Previously Presented) An installation according to claim 1, wherein said vertical frame arrangement comprises a lower horizontal profile member, an upper horizontal profile member, an intermediate horizontal profile member and two vertical profile

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members connected to the respective ends of said horizontal profile members.

4. (Previously Presented) An installation according to claim 2, wherein said lower horizontal profile member extends substantially at the level of the lower portion of said boxes without however resting on the ground, and wherein said intermediate horizontal profile member extends substantially at the level of the upper surfaced portion of said boxes, and wherein said upper profile member extends at a spacing with respect to the level of said upper surfaced portion of said boxes.

5. (Previously Presented) An installation according to claim 1, wherein said vertical frame arrangement is provided on each side with six fixing plates which comprise four box fixing plates capable of being removably fixed to four homologous fixing plates forming part of a box and two frame arrangement fixing plates capable of being removably fixed on an adjacent vertical frame arrangement.

6. (Previously Presented) An installation according to claim 5, wherein said six fixing plates disposed on one side of said frame arrangement extend horizontally and comprise two lower plates fixed at the level of said lower profile member of said frame arrangement, two intermediate plates fixed at the level of said intermediate profile member and two upper plates fixed at the level of said upper profile member of said frame arrangement.

7. (Currently Amended) An installation according to claim 6, wherein said six fixing plates are co-planar and welded to said vertical frame arrangement and comprise three plates which extend beyond one of said ~~two~~ vertical profile members frame arrangement and

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three plates which extend beyond said adjacent vertical frame arrangement ~~other vertical profile member~~.

8. (Currently Amended) An installation according to claim 5, wherein said box fixing plates forming part of said frame arrangement are capable of being fixed respectively against said four homologous plates of a box by way of fixing means of ~~the a~~ screw type and with ~~the an~~ interposition of spacer plates.

9. (Previously Presented) An installation according to claim 5, wherein said fixing plates of said box are co-planar and welded to said box.

10. (Previously Presented) An installation according to claim 1, wherein said box comprises four profile members forming said lower portion and supporting said adjustable feet, four profile members forming said upper surfaced portion and four vertical profile members connecting said lower portion and said upper surfaced portion.

11-12. (Withdrawn)